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The Narrows are about $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile wide abreast of the town, and anchorage can be made about 200 yards off the steamship and saw-mill wharves, in from 7 to 15 fathoms water, sandy and rocky bottom. This anchorage is considered secure for all but the heaviest winter gales. The tidal currents do not exceed $1\frac{1}{2}$ or 2 miles. There is from $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 fathoms of water alongside the steamship wharves.

Vessels can be beached for repairs on the flats at the mouth of the creek.

SAXMAN is an Indian Settlement on the Northern shore of Tongass Narrows about 2 miles East of Ketchikan. There is a Presbyterian Church and Mission here. On the first point, $\frac{3}{8}$ of a mile to the Westward of Saxman, there is a saw-mill belonging to the Indians, but it was not running when we were there.

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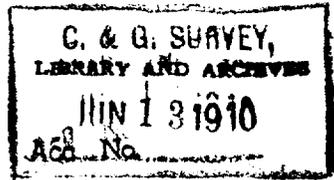
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Longais Narrows Ketchikan Vicinity

The pond seems to be well enough covered providing the least water was found on shoal off water front. A few more lines run off the N.W. end of Pennock Island would have added to the completeness of the survey.

April 23rd 1907

F. C. Dorn